

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and the following remarks are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

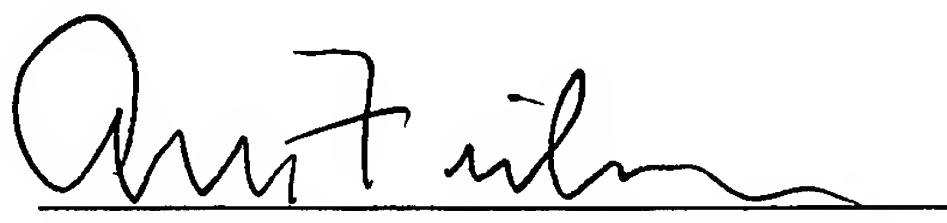
Claims 1-26 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,540,045. As suggested by the Examiner, a timely executed terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith, placing the claims in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 32784US4.

Respectfully submitted,

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